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SUBJECT: COORDINATED VEHICLE SUPPORT FOR MISSION ACTIVITIES
IN THE SAHEL AREA AND SELECTED WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES
(SENEGAL, MAURITANIA, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER, MALI, CHAD,
LIBERIA, GHANA, AND IVORY COAST)

1. BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR WAIV-
ERS FROM VARIOUS MISSIONS TO PURCHASE FOREIGN-MADE VEHI-
CLES, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE TO PURCHASE U.S.-MADE
VEHICLES, AN UPDATED COORDINATED VEHICLE
SUPPORT PLAN IS NEEDED.

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2. AID/W PLANS TO SEND A PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM
TO CONDUCT A VEHICLE

SURVEY TO (SEE SUBJECT - LIST OF COUNTRIES) ON/OR ABOUT JANUARY 3, 1977. THE TEAM WILL CONDUCT AN INTENSIVE SURVEY TO (1) DETERMINE THE TYPES OF VEHICLES REQUIRED TO DO THE JOB AS OPPOSED TO THOSE DESIRED; (2) STANDARDIZATION, IF POSSIBLE, OF A COMPLETE LINE OF VEHICLES FROM A SINGLE MANUFACTURER FOR BOTH PROJECT AND NON-PROJECT ACTIVITIES WITHIN A COUNTRY OR REGION; (3) DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS' ESTABLISHING MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY WITHIN COUNTRY OR REGION; (4) SURVEY ON-SITE THE LOCAL PRIVATE SECTOR CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN VEHICLES, THE

EMBASSY/AID/USIS AND/OR HOST COUNTRY MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY, AND THE IN-COUNTRY OR GEOGRAPHIC REGIONAL SPARE PARTS CAPABILITY.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO EVALUATE WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTRY AND REGION VIS-A-VIS WHAT IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE APPLICABLE IN MOST INSTANCES FOR AID/STATE/USIS VEHICLE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS.

4. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES AND COORDINATION, AID/W REQUESTS THAT THE TEAM MEET WITH APPROPRIATE CONCERNED PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE COMMERCIAL OFFICER OR DESIGNEE AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES.

5. ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW WHEN CONFIRMED. ROBINSON

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